GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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. PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF SALT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total production and export of salt in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the demand for salt from various countries have increased substantially;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any steps were taken to meet the increasing demand for exports;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): The total production of common salt in the country and the export of salt from the country during the last three years is given below:

Year	Production of common salt (lakh ton)	Export of salt (lakh ton)
2007-08	178.45	18.93
2008-09	191.51	24.39
2009-10	239.51	28.96
2010-11 Upto December, 2010)	145.05	24.88

(b) & (c): The demand for export of salt from India to various countries has increased by 22.1% during the year 2010-11 (24.88 lakh ton upto December, 2010) as compared to the corresponding period during the year 2009-10 (20.38 lakh ton upto December, 2009).

(d) to (f): Adequate stock of salt is available to meet the demand for exports.